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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TOSHIO TSUJIMOTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SONG, MATTHEW J.
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PROCESS OF QUARTZ GLASS :
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GROUP 1792 "

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.